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1. Personnel:

The chief of staff and PK officer at the submarine school in Sassnitz is Captain Patzek, a member of the Coastal Defense Organization. The supply officer is Sub-Lieutenant Feurig, SED party secretary is First Lieutenant Walter, and the head of the State Security Organization of the school is Captain Patzurki, who is also a member of the Coastal Defense Organization. His aide is Lieutenant Wolf. On 1 June, Lieutenant Josef and Sub-Lieutenant Schulz, plus six senior NCO's, eight junior NCO's and 20 privates, were assigned to the submarine school from Kuehlungsborn. At the beginning of June, two Soviet officers, Commanders Vassilyev and Sokorov, were attached to the school. The head of the Coastal Defense Units in Sassnitz is Captain Partzig.

2. New MLR Boats:

On 30 May, three new MLR Boats left Stralsund on trial runs. They proceeded to Peenemuende, stopping at Sassnitz on the way. Aboard one of the boats were Captain Quade, Planning Department of the HVS, Colonel Steinke, Medical Department of the HVS, and Lieutenant Commander Schulz, naval engineer of Wolgast.

3. Torpedoes for Instruction Purposes:

In mid-June, two torpedoes were delivered to the Submarine School for instruction purposes. One was the "Dampfgas" (Steam-gas) and the other an electric type.

4. Selection of Personnel for Training in the Soviet Union:

At the beginning of June, the state security officers of the submarine school, together with a few Soviet officers, began interviewing all students. At the same time, 15 seemingly new recruits were appointed, individually or in groups of two, to each of the school's different courses, without their having taken basic training. Students, in conversation among themselves, reached the con-

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clusion that the interviews were designed to pick out personnel suitable for further training in Soviet Russia, while the 15 new recruits were informers, designed to report on the private opinions of other students.

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a. The place where the [redacted] ferry boat used to dock is now occupied by the Flagship "Ernst Thaelmann," formerly the "Dorach". The "Ernst Thaelmann" is being converted to a troop transport, and the conversion is now almost completed. The ship has been fitted with two large boilers and two diesel engines, supplied by Buckau-Wolf, a Magdeburg firm. The crew's quarters are no longer in the forward hold, but are aft. Amidships there is another large hold which can be used as a dormitory. Folding bunks for 300 to 400 men have been installed. More port-holes have been cut into the side, in order to have more light. The "Thaelmann" is armed with two 88-mm guns, one starboard and one port, one 37-mm gun in the bow, and one four-barreled 20-mm AA gun aft.

b. On shore, next to the "Thaelmann," is a small Seepolizei building, with the building of the BRK (Bergungs - und Rettungskommando) located behind it. The building of the BRK houses approximately 30 divers plus a Soviet guard unit of about 12 men in infantry uniform. This guard unit is responsible for patrolling the whole Sassnitz Harbor area. The Seepolizei guards have fixed posts; all patrolling is done by the Soviet troops.

c. Due north of the "Thaelmann" are three small piers which are still reserved for "Fischkombinat" boats. It is believed in Sassnitz, however, that in a very short time all "Fischkombinat" boats will be relegated to Rostock.

d. Between the "Fischkombinat" boats and the "Thaelmann," slightly off-shore, is the permanent anchoring place of a KS boat belonging to the Seepolizei/Grenzpolizei.

e. Due south of the "Thaelmann" are three other piers at which Soviet anti-submarine craft often tie up. Occasionally, these piers are also used by German R-Boats from Peenemünde. On 1 June [redacted] Soviet anti-submarine craft were docked there: [redacted] These boats were armed with two guns with an estimated caliber of 37 mm and 88 mm respectively.

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f. On 30 May, six German R-boats [redacted] were docked at the same piers. The boats were armed with one 20-mm gun in the bow and one 37-mm gun behind the bridge.

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g. The submarine harbor lies directly south of the three piers, and exactly opposite the light-house at the point of the Ost-Mole. Up to and including 15 June, no submarine was seen in this harbor. On three sides of the basin forming the submarine harbor are twelve refueling stations. These are at present being torn up and new ones are being constructed approximately nine feet below the surface. The oil pipes are between 12 and 15 cm in diameter.

h. Slightly inland from the submarine basin are the supplementary buildings of the submarine school (not the submarine school proper). These buildings contain the MI room (sic), the Unit Transport Company, and "zbV-Maate." The latter are students who have passed courses held in the Soviet Union. At present, there are about 30 of them, making themselves conspicuous by remaining aloof from all other members of the school. They receive a higher rate of pay than the average mate. They returned to the DDR in January and February 1953, and after spending four weeks in Parow, were transferred to Sassnitz.

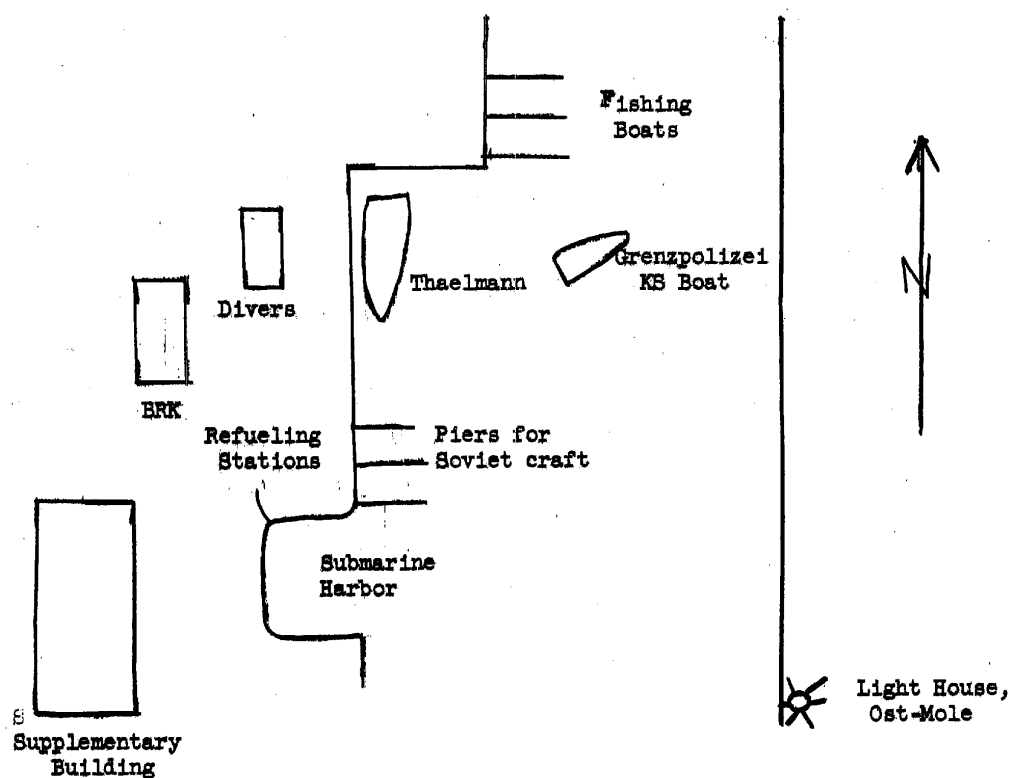
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